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The Czechoslovak paper industry, which is almost entirely state-owned, includes 200 enterprises employing 31,660 persons. Only 46 factories, with a staff of 500 workers, are in private hands.

Until recently, the following state-owned plants were under the jurisdiction of the Central Management of the Czechoslovak Paper and Cellulose Industry, or of the Slovak Cellulose and Paper Industry in Bratislava:

South Bohemian Paper Mills	Vetrni, near Cesky Krumlov
West Bohemian Paper Mills	Pilsen
Giant Mountains Paper Mills	Vrchlabi
Moravian Paper Mills	Jindrichov
Silesian Paper Mills	Opava
United Paper Mills	Harmanec
Vah Cellulose and Paper Mills	Ruzomberok

Experience proved, however that this intensive concentration resulted in loss of direct contact with the factories. Consequently, the paper industry was decentralized, and in September 1949 the number of its enterprises was increased to 34, 30 being located in the Czech Provinces and 4 in Slovakia.

Gross production is to be increased from 7 billion Czechoslovak crowns in 1943 to 9.9 billion crowns in 1953. Quantity increases are reflected in the following table:

	1953 Target (tons)	Production 1948 (tons)	Production 1937 (tons)
Cellulose	320,000	234,804	273,696
Paper	320,000	260,004	260,100
Cardboard	105,000	74,304	68,700

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